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December 12, 2001

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Re: Determination of Administrative Completeness for Whitmore Canyon, West Ridge Resources Inc.,  
West Ridge Mine, C/007/041-SR01H, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Glasson:

The Division has completed a review of the information you submitted on October 25, 2001. This application is considered to be administratively complete. A copy of our review worksheet is enclosed for your information and records.

A technical review of your plan has been initiated. Technical deficiencies will be forwarded to you as reviews are completed. The Division will also coordinate with other agencies and incorporate their comments into our review process. Issues raised and deficiencies will need to be resolved prior to permit issuance.

At this time you should publish a Notice of Complete Application for adding Whitmore Canyon to the West Ridge Mine as required by R645-300-121. A copy of the publication should be sent to the Division as soon as it is available. You should also insure that a copy of the application is on file at the appropriate County Courthouse. The Division will complete a technical analysis, which must find that your application is technically complete. We anticipate that additional information may be necessary to make your application technically complete and look forward to working with you throughout the permitting process. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help in the permitting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Price Field Office

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW WORKSHEET**  
(R645-301-150)

DATE: December 12, 2001 REVIEWER(S): Wayne Western , Gregg Galecki, Joe Helfrich, Jim Smith  
APPLICANT: West Ridge Resources Inc. MINE NAME: West Ridge FILE NO. C/007/041-SR01H

**"Administratively Complete Application"** means an application for permit approval or approval for coal exploration, where required, which the Division determines to contain information addressing each application requirement of the State Program and to contain all information necessary to initiate processing and public review.

**Directions:** The categories listed below correspond to the minimum requirements for information necessary to initiate processing and public review. If a category is checked the Applicant has met the Completeness requirement for that category. If a category is not checked, the Completeness requirements have not been met. The comments column will identify the deficiency and what is necessary to correct it.

			Comments
301-112	Identification of Interests <u>XX</u>		The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
100	Applicant's Business Structure <u>XX</u>		The applicant's business structure is provided for in chapter 1 appendix 1-7. The information may need to be updated prior to final approval.
210	Applicant's Name/Address/Phone <u>XX</u>		The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
220	Resident Agent's Name/Address/Phone <u>XX</u>		The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
230	Name/Address/Phone of AML Fees Payer <u>XX</u>		The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
300	Corporate Structure & Ownership <u>XX</u>		Information regarding corporate structure and ownership is presented in appendix 1-7. The information may need to be updated prior to approval.
400	Identify Other Mining Operations in US <u>XX</u>		Information regarding other mining operations is presented in appendix 1-7. The information may need to be updated prior to final approval.

500	Surface & Mineral Ownership	<u>XX</u>	The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
600	Ownership Contiguous to Permit	<u>XX</u>	The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
700	MSHA Numbers	<u>XX</u>	The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
800	Interest in Contiguous Lands	<u>XX</u>	The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.

#### Comments

301-113	Violation Information	<u>XX</u>	Violation information is presented in appendix 1-2. The information needs to be updated prior to final approval.
100	Suspension or Revocation Information	<u>XX</u>	Suspension or Revocation Information is provided for in appendix 1-2. The information needs to be updated prior to approval.
300	List of Violations - 3 Previous Years	<u>XX</u>	A list of the violations for the 3 previous years is provided for in appendix 1-2. The information needs to be updated prior to final approval.

301-114	Right of Entry	<u>XX</u>	The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis. Right of entry from the BLM was obtained on December 12, 2001.
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301-115	Status of Unsuitability Claims	<u>XX</u>	The information in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
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301-116	Permit Term	<u>XX</u>	When approved this revision will be incorporated into the current MRP that carries with it a five year permit term.
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301-117	Insurance	<u>XX</u>	The certificate of liability insurance is provided for in the approved MRP and is current through 07/01/02.
	Proof of Publication	<u>XX</u>	A draft copy of the notice of publication has been included in the application.
	Facilities and Structures Used in Common	<u>XX</u>	There are no facilities or structures to be used in common.
301-118	Filing Fee	<u>XX</u>	A filing fee is not required for a significant revision.

#### Comments

301-123	Notarized Signature of Responsible Official	<u>XX</u>	A notarized signature dated 10/22/01 was included in the application.
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301-130	Information Collection: <b>Technical Data Accompanied by Names of Persons or Organizations that Collected and Analyzed the Data - Dates of Collections - and Analysis of the Data and Description of the Methodology Used to Collect and Analyze Data</b>	<u>XX</u>	Technical data presented in the application is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
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301-200	Soils		
211	Description of Premining Soil Resources	<u>NA</u>	No changes associated with the proposed Significant Revision that affect this section.

221	Prime Farmland Investigation	<u>NA</u>	No changes associated with the proposed Significant Revision that affect this section.
222	Soil Survey	<u>NA</u>	No changes associated with the proposed Significant Revision that affect this section.
224	Substitute Topsoil Info (When Proposed)	<u>NA</u>	No changes associated with the proposed Significant Revision that affect this section.
230	Operation Plan: <b>Topsoil Handling/Removal/Storage</b>	<u>NA</u>	No changes associated with the proposed Significant Revision that affect this section.
240	Reclamation Plan: <b>Soil Redistribution/Stabilization</b>	<u>NA</u>	No changes associated with the proposed Significant Revision that affect this section.

#### Comments

301-300	Biology	<u>XX</u>	The text in the approved MRP that addresses the biology requirements is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
320	Vegetation Information	<u>XX</u>	The text in the approved MRP that addresses the vegetation requirements is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
322	Fish and Wildlife Information	<u>XX</u>	The wildlife resource information contained in the approved MRP is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
323	Maps/Photos: <b>Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Areas</b>	<u>XX</u>	<p>Information provided is adequate to proceed, however:</p> <p>1) The vegetation map needs to be revised to include descriptions of the vegetative communities within the revised permit area. The wildlife maps are adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.</p> <p>2) A current raptor survey map needs to be provided that includes the revised permit area.</p>

330	Operation Plan: <b>Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Protection</b>	<u>XX</u>	The protection plan for fish and wildlife contained in the approved MRP is adequate to proceed with the technical analysis.
341	Reclamation Plan for Revegetation	<u>XX</u>	There is no surface disturbance anticipated with the addition of this federal lease application.
342	Fish & Wildlife Plan for Reclamation Phase	<u>XX</u>	There is no surface disturbance anticipated with the addition of this federal lease application.

301-400	Land Use and Air Quality	<u>NA</u>	Current permit is adequate
411	Pre-Mining Land Use Information <b>(Includes Cultural Resources)</b>	<u>NA</u>	No surface disturbance associated with the proposed Significant Revision.
412	Post-Mining Land Use Information	<u>NA</u>	No Changes from current plan.

#### Comments

301-500	Engineering		Basic engineering information has been supplied by the permittee.
510 and 520	General Description of Operation Plan: <b>(Maps, Locations, Cross-Sections, Narrative, Descriptions &amp; Calculations)</b>		The permittee has supplied maps and cross-sections with this submittal. The will be evaluated in specific sections such as subsidence.
522	Coal Recovery Description	<u>XX</u>	Resource Recovery and Protection Plan included in submittal. See section R645-301-522 of PAP.
523	Mining Methods	<u>XX</u>	Longwall and continuous miners, Section R645-301-523 of PAP.
524	Blasting and Explosives Plan	<u>NA</u>	No additional surface work will be done.
525	Subsidence Control Plan	<u>XX</u>	See Section 525.200 of PAP
526	Mine Facilities Description <b>(Narrative, Plans, Maps)</b> <b>Including Existing Structures &amp; Support Facilities</b>	<u>NA</u>	No new surface facilities are anticipated.

527	Transportation Facilities (Including Plans & Maps)	<u>NA</u>	No new transportation facilities are planned.
528	Coal Mine Waste Plans (Description & Designs)	<u>NA</u>	No new coal mine waste areas are planned.
529	Management of Mine Openings (Design)	<u>NA</u>	No new portals are planned.
531	General Plans for Structures	<u>NA</u>	No new structures are planned.
532	Sediment Control	<u>NA</u>	No new sediment controls are planned.
533	Impoundments	<u>NA</u>	No new impoundments are planned.

#### Comments

301-534	Roads (Plans, Drawings, Designs, & Specifications)	<u>NA</u>	No new roads are planned.
535	Spoil	<u>NA</u>	No additional spoil should be generated.
536	Coal Mine Waste	<u>NA</u>	No changes to the disposal of coal mine waste are planned.
537	Regraded Slopes	<u>NA</u>	No changes to the backfilling and grading plan are planned.
540 541-542	Reclamation Narrative, Maps and Plans	<u>NA</u>	No changes to the reclamation plan are anticipated.
551	Casing and Sealing: <b>Underground Openings</b>	<u>NA</u>	No changes are planned.
553	Backfilling and Grading Description	<u>NA</u>	No changes to the reclamation of the disturbed area are planned

301-600	Geology	<u>XX</u>	
621	Description of Geology (Permit & Adjacent Area)	<u>XX</u>	

622	Geologic Cross-Sections, Maps, and Plans <u>XX</u>	Information provided is adequate to proceed, but:  Maps 6-2 and 6-3 (plus maps 5-4A and 5-7) show current mine projections (red lines, 2006 projected mining) outside the permit boundary, into the upper part of Sec. 23.  Map 5-2, Surface Ownership, also shows coal ownership – very confusing!
630	Plans for Casing and Sealing Holes <u>XX</u>	

Comments		
301-700	Hydrolog	
721	Description of Hydrologic Resources: <u>XX</u> <b>(Permit and Adjacent Area)</b>	Information provided is adequate to proceed with analysis. References Mayo reports appendix 7-1 and 7-1a.
722	Cross-Sections and Maps: <u>XX</u> <b>Subsurface Water Surface Water - Monitoring Stations - Wells</b>	Information provided is adequate to proceed with analysis. References Mayo reports appendix 7-1 and 7-1a.
723	Sampling and Analysis <u>XX</u>	No Changes
724	Baseline Information: <u>XX</u> <b>Ground Water - Surface Water - Geology - Climatological &amp; Supplemental; If Needed</b>	Information provided is adequate to proceed with analysis. References Mayo reports append 7-1a and detailed Grassy trail information.
728	PHC Determination <u>XX</u>	Information provided is adequate to proceed with analysis. References Mayo reports append 7-1a and detailed Grassy trail information.
730	General Operation Plan: <u>XX</u> <b>Minimize Disturbance to Hydrologic Balance &amp; Compliance with Clean Water Act</b>	No change
731	Ground and Surface Water Protection <u>XX</u>	Information provided is adequate to proceed with analysis. Minor text additions, 2 sample sites added.



732	Ground and Surface Water Monitoring	<u>XX</u>	Information provided is adequate to proceed with analysis. Minor text changes, 1 sample site added.
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#### Comments

301-740	Plans and Designs: <b>Operation and Reclamation Plan Sediment Control Measures</b>	<u>NA</u>	No changes to Surface Facilities necessary in the proposed Significant Revision.
	....Siltation Structures	<u>NA</u>	
	....Sediment Ponds	<u>NA</u>	
	....Other Treatment Facilities	<u>NA</u>	
	....Diversions	<u>NA</u>	
	....Road Drainage	<u>NA</u>	
	....Impoundments	<u>NA</u>	
	....Discharge Structures	<u>NA</u>	
	....Disposal of Excess Spoil	<u>NA</u>	
	....Coal Mine Waste	<u>NA</u>	
	....Disposal of Non-Coal Mine Waste	<u>NA</u>	
	....Casing and Sealing of Wells	<u>NA</u>	

#### Comments

301-800	Bonding and Insurance	<u>NA</u>	
820	Applicant: <b>Have Adequate Bond at Permit Issuance</b>	<u>NA</u>	

830	Bond Estimate and Calculations Provided	XX	The permittee claims that no new reclamation costs will be associated with the project.
890	Certificate of Insurance Provided	XX	No new insurance issues will be associated with the project.

302-200	Special Categories of Mining	<u>NA</u>	
210	Experimental Practices Mining	<u>NA</u>	
220	Mountaintop Removal Mining	<u>NA</u>	
230	Steep Slope Mining	<u>NA</u>	
240	Auger Mining	<u>NA</u>	
250	In Situ Processing Activities	<u>NA</u>	

#### Comments

302-260	Coal Processing Plants (Not Located Within Permit Area of Mine)	<u>NA</u>	
270	Variances From Approximate Original Contour Restoration Requirements	<u>NA</u>	
280	Variances for Delay in Contemporaneous Reclamation Requirement in Combined Surface and Underground Coal Mining Activities	<u>NA</u>	
290	Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP)	<u>NA</u>	

302-300	Special Areas of Mining	<u>NA</u>	
301	Prime Farmland	XX	Information is adequate to proceed with the analysis. No Prime Farm land will be affected with the proposed Significant Revision.
302	Alluvial Valley Floors	XX	Information is adequate to proceed with the analysis.